

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

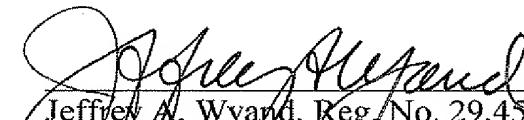
In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2006 Applicants amend their application and request reconsideration. In this Amendment claims 10 and 17 are newly cancelled with the result that claims 2, 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 26, and 27 are now pending.

Claim 2 is allowed. The Examiner stated that claims 10 and 17 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. That step has been taken so that claims 5, 7-9, 11, 12, 14-16, and 18 are clearly now allowable.

Claims 26 and 27, both independent claims, have been rewritten to include the limitation of claim 2 regarding the optimization filtering unit. Based upon the telephone interviews of mid-September 2006, it is believed that claims 26 and 27 are also in form for allowance.

Accordingly, the foregoing Amendment places the application in form for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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